

House Resolution No. 898

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives firmly believe that the love you receive from a pet is unconditional and that the relationship you establish with that pet can add years to your life; and

Whereas, the Greater Kansas City Dog Training Club in Kansas City, Missouri, was founded in 1953 as a service organization to assist people in training their dogs; and

Whereas, the Greater Kansas City Dog Training Club strives to conduct training classes that are open to all individuals interested in training their dog, regardless of breed or pedigree, and to take an active interest in the welfare, popularity, and understanding of dogs and dog owners alike in the Kansas City community; and

Whereas, thousands of dogs in the Greater Kansas City area have lived better, fuller lives, and have been good citizens to other dogs, their neighbors, and strangers as a result of the work done by the Greater Kansas City Dog Training Club; and

Whereas, the Greater Kansas City Dog Training Club is credited with providing the training necessary for dogs that demonstrate unruly or uncontrollable behavior so that they are able to continue living with their owners instead of being given away or taken to a tax-supported shelter; and

Whereas, in addition to basic obedience training, the Greater Kansas City Dog Training Club offers more advanced training so that dogs are officially recognized as Canine Good Citizens by the American Kennel Club, a task which involves further work to ensure that dogs and their handlers know how to get along with others and practice the kind of polite, responsible behavior in their neighborhoods, public places such as parks, or in any other situation where there are people and their dogs; and

Whereas, about 450 dogs and their owners annually attend classes at the Greater Kansas City Dog Training Club, which also makes presentations and performs demonstrations in schools and public events related to the care and training of the family dog that are done by club members who are volunteers, many of whom are experienced handlers and trainers who donate their time and talents to improving the lives of dogs and their families:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to the members of the Greater Kansas City Dog Training Club at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction, and in wishing them tremendous success as they continue their efforts to guide individuals in the training of their beloved canine companions; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Greater Kansas City Dog Training Club.

Offered by _____
Representative Gary Kelly
District No. 36

Representative Craig Bland
District No. 43

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 898, adopted March 18, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker